Amendments to the Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Amended) A unitary pipe bushing for use in joining a first length of pipe to a second length of pipe, the first length of pipe having an ~~inner~~ outer diameter, a wall thickness, and a ~~compling~~ coupling end, and the second length of pipe having an ~~outer~~ inner diameter, a wall thickness, and a ~~compling~~ coupling end, the pipe bushing comprising an annular body ~~member~~ having a top end and a bottom end, the top end having an outwardly-projecting round flange with a lateral thickness substantially equal to the wall thickness of the ~~first~~ second length of pipe, and the bottom end having an inwardly-projecting ~~stop~~ lip with a lateral thickness substantially equal to the wall thickness of the ~~second~~ first length of pipe, the body of the pipe bushing having an outer diameter nominally smaller than the inner diameter of the ~~first~~ second length of pipe and ~~an inner~~ further having a bore having a diameter nominally larger than the outer diameter of the ~~second~~ first length of pipe.

4. (Original) The unitary pipe bushing of claim 3 wherein the pipe bushing and the lengths of pipe are made from polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

5. (Amended) A method of reducing drain waste and vent pipes comprising the steps of:

providing a first length of pipe having an ~~inner~~ outer diameter, a wall thickness, and a coupling end;

providing a second length of pipe having an ~~outer~~ inner diameter, a wall thickness, and a coupling end;

providing a pipe bushing comprising an annular body having an outer diameter nominally smaller than the inner diameter of the ~~first~~ second length of pipe and ~~an inner~~ further having a bore having a diameter nominally larger than the outer diameter of the ~~second~~ first length of pipe, and further comprising a round flange having a lateral thickness ~~substantially~~ substantially equal to the wall thickness of the ~~first~~ second length of pipe, and further comprising a ~~stop~~ lip having a lateral thickness substantially equal to the wall thickness of the ~~second~~ first length of pipe;

cleaning the body of the pipe bushing and the coupling ends of the lengths of pipe;

applying glue to surface areas to be joined;

inserting the body of the pipe bushing inside the coupling end of the ~~first~~ second length of pipe, with the round flange abutting the coupling end of the ~~first~~ second length of pipe;

inserting the coupling end of the ~~second~~ first length of pipe ~~inside~~ into the bore of the body of the pipe bushing, with the coupling end of the ~~second~~ first length of pipe abutting the ~~stop~~ lip.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the pipe bushing and the lengths of pipe are made from polyvinyl chloride (PVC).